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Notice of Allowability**Application No.**

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Applicant(s)

KUBOTA ET AL.

Examiner

TOM V. SHENG

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to BPAT Decision of 12/2/2009.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,3-10 and 12-15.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
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9. ☐ Other _____.

/Richard Hjerpe/
Supervisory Patent Examiner, Art Unit 2629

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with attorney William Kempler on 12/18/09.

The application has been amended as follows:

For claim 1:

An integrated circuit for scan driving being used in sequentially selecting and driving scanning lines in a display, which has said plural scanning lines and plural signal lines arranged crossing each other in a matrix configuration, and which has a pixel arranged at each cross point; in this integrated circuit for scan driving, comprising:

a chip, having plural output pads arranged as a column in a first direction, plural drive circuits for driving said scanning lines to the active state through said output pads, respectively, and plural selection circuits for individually selecting said driver circuits in a line-sequential scanning cycle in an order corresponding to the order of said scanning lines;

the odd-numbered output pads, driver circuits and selection circuits corresponding to odd-numbered scanning lines are all arranged in a first region,

the even-numbered output pads, driver circuits and selection circuits corresponding to the even-numbered scanning lines being all arranged in a second

region adjacent to said first region in said first direction;

said first region, in an order corresponding to the order of said odd- numbered scanning lines, said odd-numbered output pads, driver circuits and selection circuits being arranged as columns in said first direction, respectively, and, at the same time, said output pads, driver circuits and selection circuits corresponding to each of the scanning lines are arranged in the same row in the second direction nearly orthogonal to said first direction;

~~and,~~ in said second region, in an order corresponding to the order of said even- numbered scanning lines, said even-numbered output pads, driver circuits and selection circuits are arranged as columns in said first direction, and, at the same time, said output pads, driver circuits and selection circuits corresponding to each of the scanning lines being arranged in the same row in said second direction[.];

said odd-numbered selection circuits are made of individual flip-flops that overall form the first shift register: the first shift data provided by the frame period is transferred sequentially to the latter-stage flip-flops in synchronization with the first transfer clock signal at a frequency half that of the line-sequential scanning cycle; by means of the output signals of the flip-flops with said first shift data latched in them, the corresponding driver circuits are selected;

said even-numbered selection circuits are made of individual flip-flops that overall form the second shift register: the second shift data provided by frame period is transferred sequentially to the latter-stage flip-flops in synchronization with the second transfer clock signal at a frequency half that of the line- sequential scanning cycle and in

a phase opposite to that of said first transfer clock signal; and, by means of the output signals of the flip-flops with said second shift data latched in them, the corresponding driver circuits are selected.

For claim 2: Cancel claim.

For claim 3:

The integrated circuit for scan driving as in Claim [[2]]1 wherein said first and second shift registers allow bidirectional transfer of, respectively, said first and second shift data.

For claim 4:

An integrated circuit for scan driving being used in sequentially selecting and driving scanning lines in a display, which has said plural scanning lines and plural signal lines arranged crossing each other in a matrix configuration, and which has a pixel arranged at each cross point; in this integrated circuit for scan driving, comprising:

a chip, having plural output pads arranged as a column in a first direction, plural drive circuits for driving said scanning lines to the active state through said output pads, respectively, and plural selection circuits for individually selecting said driver circuits in a line-sequential scanning cycle in an order corresponding to the order of said scanning lines;

the odd-numbered output pads, driver circuits and selection circuits corresponding to odd-numbered scanning lines are all arranged in a first region,

the even-numbered output pads, driver circuits and selection circuits corresponding to the even-numbered scanning lines being all arranged in a second

region adjacent to said first region in said first direction;

said first region, in an order corresponding to the order of said odd- numbered scanning lines, said odd-numbered output pads, driver circuits and selection circuits being arranged as columns in said first direction, respectively, and, at the same time, said output pads, driver circuits and selection circuits corresponding to each of the scanning lines are arranged in the same row in the second direction nearly orthogonal to said first direction;

in said second region, in an order corresponding to the order of said even- numbered scanning lines, said even-numbered output pads, driver circuits and selection circuits are arranged as columns in said first direction, and, at the same time, said output pads, driver circuits and selection circuits corresponding to each of the scanning lines being arranged in the same row in said second direction;

wherein said integrated circuit includes:

a transfer clock generator that divides the fundamental clock signal that defines the cycle of line-sequential scanning in half,

and a shift data generator that generates said first and second shift data in two consecutive cycles of said fundamental clock signal corresponding to the start pulse that indicates the timing of the start of a frame.

For claim 8:

A type of integrated circuit for scan driving for sequentially supplying scan drive signal to the scanning electrodes of a display device; comprising:

a first shift register, which has plural register circuits connected in series, and

which sequentially transfers the first shift data corresponding to a first clock signal,

a first drive section, which has plural driver circuits corresponding to the plural register circuits of said first shift register, respectively, and which has said plural driver circuits output drive signals corresponding to said first shift data outputs from the plural register circuits of said first shift register, respectively,

a second shift register, which has plural register circuits connected in series, and which sequentially transfers the second shift data shifted in phase by half a period of a second clock signal with respect to said first shift data corresponding to the second clock signal with its phase deviated by 180° from said first clock signal,

and a second drive section, which has plural driver circuits corresponding to the plural register circuits of said second shift register, respectively, and which has said plural driver circuits output drive signals corresponding to said second shift data outputs from the plural register circuits of said second shift register, respectively;

said drive signals are output alternately from the various driver circuits of said first drive section and the various driver circuits of said second drive section, corresponding to said first or second shift data[.];

wherein said integrated circuit has a signal generator, to which the reference clock signal having a frequency double that of said first and second clock signals as well as a start pulse are input, and which generates said first and second clock signals and said first and second shift data on the base of said reference clock signal and said start pulse.

For claim 11: Cancel claim.

Please add below new claims.

Claim 14: The integrated circuit for scan driving as in Claim 4 wherein said first direction corresponds to the longitudinal direction of said chip, and said output pads are arranged as a column along one edge extending in the longitudinal direction of said chip.

Claim 15: The integrated circuit for scan driving described in Claim 14 wherein the input pads for input of the desired power source voltage or signal are arranged as a column along the other edge in the longitudinal direction of said chip.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to TOM V. SHENG whose telephone number is (571)272-7684. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:00am - 6:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Richard Hjerpe can be reached on (571) 272-7691. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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